

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1856 - HB 1933

March 17, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL: Enacts *The State Parks Management And Preservation Act of 1997*:

- Creates a 16 member Tennessee State Parks Commission which will serve as a separate administrative board for Tennessee state parks.
- Creates the State Parks Agency with Executive Director.
- Creates a State Parks Fund for purposes of accounting for all revenues, including land sales, expenditures, and capital expenditures for state parks.
- Requires the State Parks Agency to construct and maintain sites at each state park where persons can donate funds solely for the use of state parks.
- State appropriations to state parks will equal at least the 1997-98 state appropriations until July 1, 2003. Beginning July 1, 2003 state appropriations to state parks will cease.
- Requires a 15 year master plan to be developed and updated every five years.
- Requires public hearings in each grand division of the state on the initial plan, the five year updates and any interim revisions.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues - Exceeds \$23,000,000 By FY2003/State Parks Fund
Decrease State Expenditures - Exceeds \$23,000,000 Beginning FY2003/2004

- Assumes state parks will increase fees to a level sufficient to continue operations without state appropriations.
- Assumes state appropriations will cease beginning with FY 2003/2004.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director